

VOLUNTARY END

Of a Brief Career of Extravagance and Debauchery.

A Bullet, With the Aid of a Mirror, Sent Through His Brain.

Henry Elsler, With a Legacy, Leaves His Country Home For City Life and Its Fast Pleasures—Wine, Women, Racing and then the End—Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 20.—Lying up on his back with his face bathed in blood, which still oozed from his mouth, Henry Elsler was found in his room Friday evening, stone dead. It was the voluntary end of a brief career of reckless extravagance and wild debauchery. Elsler was born and reared in the little town of Charleston, Ill.

Three years ago he became of age and received his patrimony of \$50,000 in cash. He soon found the village too small for him and came to Louisville, where for two years he cut a wide swath. Nothing was too good for him, and wine, women, horse races and cards sucked up his fortune with inconceivable rapidity. At the end of two years he was a pauper. Contrary to the usual course in such cases, however, Elsler accepted his fate manfully, and, discarding his fast habits, save that of drinking, which had obtained too firm a hold on him, he struck out to earn his livelihood. He was employed in a grocery store and in the L. and N. railroad offices, but he had no business training and soon lost these places. Last winter he obtained a situation in Sulzer & Vogt's boiler works as a laborer, owing even this poor service to the friendship of Henry Vogt, one of the firm, who was attracted by the young fellow's pluck.

Last spring, however, Mr. Vogt died, and young Elsler was discharged. Since then he has had no employment, and recently he seemed to grow desperate and began to drink heavily. Friday he and his room-mate, Joseph Stey, ate dinner together and went up to their room in Farmer's Home hotel. Stey soon after leaving to go to his business. At 6 o'clock Stey returned and found the door of the room locked and the key inside.

Unable to get any response to his knocks, the door was broken open and Elsler found dead upon the floor. His feet rested against the wash-stand, above which rested the looking-glass. He had evidently stood in front of the glass, placing the muzzle in his mouth and correcting his aim by the reflection, had fired. The bullet plowed upward through his brain and caused instant death, the body having fallen straight backward at full length without the shot moving from their position. The feet were not heard, and it is not known at what time between 1 and 2 o'clock it was fired. On a table near by the body was a note in Elsler's writing. He gave no reason for his suicide, but implied forgiveness. He requested that his body be given to the hospital college of medicine here or elsewhere; that it be buried in the Potter's field. He asked that his trunk and effects be sent to Mrs. John H. Tangford, of Bladensburg, Ill.

A New Soap Swindle.
MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Aug. 20.—A new swindle is being worked in this neighborhood. The swindler's offer is a box containing thirty-six pieces of soap for one dollar, and he gives as a prize a rubber door mat with the initials of the purchaser on it. He delivers the soap, which is a fraud, and promises to deliver the mat as soon as it can be manufactured with initials thereon, collects the dollar and vanishes.

They Expected to Carry Texas.
AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 20.—Judge F. L. Nugent, candidate for governor on the people's party ticket, is here, and he said the split in the democratic party at Houston would strengthen him, and if any doubts of his election had been felt within his party they would now disappear. He is very sanguine of success, and many prominent democrats think he will win.

Kicked By a Horse.
HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Aug. 20.—Little Addie Sneller, the two-year-old daughter of Jos. Sneller, prominent farmer residing near this city, was playing about a horse's heels in her father's yard Friday evening when the animal kicked her, striking her forehead with his foot, inflicting a terrible gash that will result fatally.

"Scab" Switchmen Quit Work.
ELMIRA, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Sixty-five men were brought to Sayre Friday morning and put to work. After working several hours they quit, saying they did not take the strikers' places. A one train was moved out of Sayre Friday morning.

A Swiss Town Burned.
LONDON, Aug. 20.—A dispatch to the News from Interlaken says that the whole village of Grindelwald has been destroyed by fire, and that 1,500 tourists lost everything they possessed. None of them were injured. Many of the tourists were Americans.

Will Try Again.
CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Budd Doble announces that he will send Nancy Hanks against her record of 207½ Saturday afternoon, at Washington park. He thinks she can beat it. The mare was in perfect shape Friday.

Depew Won't Talk.
HAMBURG, Aug. 20.—Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, is taking the waters here. All efforts to induce him to discuss the railroad troubles at Buffalo have so far proved fruitless.

Judge Holman Ill.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Judge Holman, of Indiana, who, when in this city, makes his home at the Hamilton house, has been lying there sick for a week.

\$35,000 for a Horse.
NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Pierre Lorillard has purchased from Messrs. Brown & Rogers the three-year-old colt, Lamp-lighter, the price paid being \$35,000.

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MAYSVILLE, KY., SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1892.

ONE CENT.

Personal Points

If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

Miss Minnie Sproemberg left yesterday to visit relatives at Ripley.

Miss Katie P. Burns of Covington is the guest of Miss Hannah O'Hare.

Miss Anna McCague of Omaha, Neb., is the guest of Miss Isabel Barkley.

Mrs. Colonel Frank S. Owens and daughters have returned from Esculapia.

Miss Mamie Miller of Louisville is visiting Mrs. George H. Martin of Limestone street.

Miss Nanlene S. Tolle has returned home after a month's visit to relatives at Mt. Carmel.

Paddy Austin has returned from a two weeks' visit to Sherburne, Pin Hook, Sharpshurgh and Mt. Sterling.

Mrs. Charles Ort of Felicity, O., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sauvery of the Fifth Ward.

Mrs. B. F. Powers and Mrs. Frank Eason are visiting their brother, B. F. Bolinger, at Terre Haute, Ind.

Henry Young, Henry Miller and Albert Potts will leave to-morrow for Newport to attend the P. O. S. of A. Convention.

James McNeely, a former Maysville boy, but now of Cleveland, O., came in last night on a visit to friends and relatives.

Misses Mary O'Donnell of this city and Margaret Flynn of Lexington are the guests of Miss Lizzie Flannery of Cincinnati.

Miss Lida Berry, who has been visiting friends at Denver for several weeks, will be at home by September 1st to resume her class in music.

Misses Agnes Catlett and Jane V. Good-paster of Owingsville will arrive this evening as guests during the fair week of Miss Mary Alter Barbour of West End Terrace.

FAIR visitors have commenced to arrive.

EVERYBODY is coming to the Blue Ribbon Fair.

THE indications are that large crowds will be at Maysville next week.

THE largest Court Day crowd of the year was at Mt. Olivet Monday.

SOME of the crack horses of the world are entered in the races next week.

A VASE of Sevres was only eight inches high, was sold in London for \$7,305.

SULLIVAN will endeavor to enter the ring on September 7th at 200 pounds.

THE Elm Street Club of Cincinnati have an outing at Coney Island to-day.

SEVERAL will go to the Parks Hill Camp-meeting from this city to-morrow.

THE Blue Ribbon Fair offers attractions unsurpassed by any fair in the state.

TUESDAY will be ladies' and children's day at the fair. They will be admitted free of charge.

JOSEPH FINNELL, Clerk of the United States Court at Covington, is seriously ill from typhoid fever.

At Hopkinsville the eight-year-old son of William Walker was kicked by a horse and fatally injured.

CLARENCE WILSON was fined \$100 and costs in the Cincinnati Police Court for running a crap game.

A SOCIETY has been organized in Iowa whose object is to push the panny as the flower of America.

THE saw and grist mill of Tabler Bros., at Ohio Hill, Carter county, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$6,000.

GENERAL E. BURR GRUBB believes that if women were allowed to vote the tide of anarchy would be rolled back.

PROFESSOR MARK W. HARRINGTON, Chief of the Weather Bureau, is making a collection of weather reports.

It may be that the Lewis County Ball Club will play the Maysville during the Maysville Fair.—Vanceburg Sun.

THERE has been no rain in Edmonson county for ten weeks. Water is becoming scarce, and all crops are burned up.

THE first book in which the word America appears was printed in the little mountain monastic town, St. Die, in 1507.

CHARLES FIELDING and J. R. Humphrey were arrested at Lexington charged with holding up and robbing A. J. Cole of \$45.

A LARGE number of Denver excursionists have been passing East to their homes over the C. and O. during the last few days.

HIRAM CHINN was found dead under a railroad trestle near Shelbyville. He is supposed to have died from heart disease.

CAPTAIN SID PITMAN of Farmers, Rowan county, has invented a chicken coop on which he has applied for a patent.

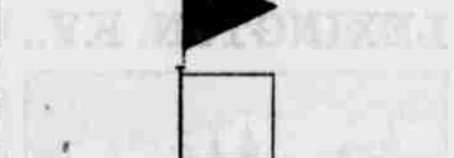
THE largest theater in the world is the Opera-house in Paris. It covers nearly three acres of ground and cost about \$30,000,000.

KENTUCKY WEATHER REPORT.

What We May Expect Between This Time and To-morrow Evening.

THE LEDGER'S WEATHER SIGNALS.

White streamer—FAIR; Blue—RAIN or SNOW; With Black ABOVE—TWO WARMER GROW; With Black BELOW—COLDER 'TILL BE; Unless Black's shown—no change we'll see.



The above forecasts are made for a period of thirty-six hours, ending at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.



THE DREAM AND THE REALITY.
His wife showed him her new hat, Her eyes with joy aglow, And, having pretty phrases pat, He said: "It is a dream."

She then brought forth the bill to him: He eyed it gloomily; "That is," he said, "with visage grim, 'A stern reality.'"

THE races will be first-class every day.

JACOB HANDERS' tobacco factory near Cadiz was destroyed by fire.

G. W. CROWNS, a brakeman, was fatally crushed between cars at Springfield, O., Thursday.

THREE American District Messenger boys at Cincinnati robbed a sleeping companion of \$1.35.

THE United Commercial Travelers are requested to meet at 114 Sutton street, second floor, to-night at 8 o'clock.

If you want to pass a pleasant evening and enjoy a hearty laugh, see Love and Law at Opera-house Monday night.

THE Supreme Lodge of the Knights of the Golden Rule will hold its annual meeting in Louisville next Tuesday.

W. T. BAKER has resigned as President of the World's Columbian Exposition and H. W. Higginbotham has been elected to fill his place.

THE most recent trustworthy investigation is that of M. De Chatelet, who fixes the effective temperature of the sun at 12,600 degrees Fahrenheit.

MR. HARRISON is quoted as saying that "the worst feature of executive life is the vast amount of document signing the President is forced to undergo."

T. F. ROGERS of Mt. Sterling has been invited to make an address at the big Oddfellows' picnic near Jackson, September 5th, and has accepted the invitation.

THE Ashland Fair and Races begin on September 20th and continue four days. \$5,000 will be given in premiums. See the advertisement in another column in this paper.

HENRY BURNS of near Charleston, W. Va., is under arrest for opening letters addressed to his wife, which he says were from an old lover of hers, and too utterly too-too.

THE great Blue Ribbon Fair will open in all its glory next Tuesday morning. The management has spared no pains in preparation, and the meeting promises to be a most successful one.

IN the new directory of Chicago there are 1,420,000 names. The Johnsons possess a plurality, with 4,900 souls; next are the Smiths, with 4,300; the Browns, with 2,200, and the Jones with 1,000.

IN order to discover an enemy's movement at night an Italian artillery officer has invented a mechanical candle, which, when sent from a cannon, will shed a light equal to 100,000 candles.

A NUMBER of horses have been stolen in the vicinity of Hopkinsville lately, the latest victim being Peyton Haddock, a wealthy farmer, whose horse was taken while he was at church at Concord.

A CHIMNEY piece carved from wood over 6,000 years old has recently been erected in a house in Edinburgh. The wood, an oak tree, was found in a sand pit at Musselburgh, thirteen feet below the surface.

REMEMBER, THE LEDGER prints "Help Wanted," "Lost," "Found," and similar notices out of a business character, free of charge. The only thing we require is that the copy be sent in before 9 o'clock on day of publication.

THE body of an unknown man was found buried four feet in the sand on the bank of the canal at Louisville. It is supposed to be the remains of Cashier Jansen of the defunct Schwartz Bank, who has been missing since last October.

STANLEY A. AUSTIN, paymaster of the Upton Nut Company of Cleveland, O., is under arrest, charged with falsifying the pay-rolls of the company. Austin confesses to having taken \$20,000, and it is thought the total amount will be much greater.

DR. ERILICH, a traveling doctor from Chicago, who goes to Wabash, Ind., once a month, was fined for practicing without a county license. He appealed the case to the Supreme Court to see if it is necessary for traveling doctors to take out a license from each county they visit.

KENTUCKY'S Auditor says that the World's Fair bill declares the appropriation must "come out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated." In the face of an anticipated deficit that gives promise of a lengthy run, he believes the chances of the World's Fair to be very slim.

WITH A CROWBAR.

J. Leary Knocked From a Bridge and Badly Hurt.

A lick across the head with an iron crowbar and a fall of twenty feet, resulting in many cuts and bruises and the fracture of two ribs was the experience of J. Leary yesterday afternoon.

He is a stonemason and for some time has been employed on the stone work of the repairs being made at the L. and N. bridge across the extension of Lexington street.

He was paid off and discharged yesterday morning. He made his appearance in the afternoon considerably the worse for liquor, and commenced to make himself disagreeable, especially to the foreman, Silas Armstrong.

His abuse finally became unbearable and Armstrong picked up a short iron crowbar and struck him twice, knocking him off the bridge. He fell to the pike below a distance of about 20 feet.

His head was badly cut and two ribs were fractured. His wounds were attended to by Dr. C. C. Owens.

Armstrong was arrested and will appear before Squire Grant at 10 o'clock this morning.

THERE are fifty species of electric fish.

CHARLES A. PITMAN of Mt. Sterling has been appointed to a cadetship at West Point.

SEE A. T. Gordon in his pleasing musical specialties at the Opera-house Monday evening.

ON account of the illness of G. W. Oldham of *The Call*, there will be no paper issued this week.

THE Kentucky Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will meet at Middlesboro, September 7th.

TWO car loads of horses arrived last night by Adams Express. They were taken to the Fair Grounds.

JUDGE A. E. COLE was placed in nomination at the Catlettsburg Convention by Attorney General Hendrick.

MACROCYSTIS, a seaweed of the South Pacific, often grows to be thirty or forty inches in diameter and 1,500 to 2,000 feet in length.

THE Democratic National Committee has decided to locate a branch headquarters at Chicago, to direct the campaign in the Northwest.

"A MOB reverses the decision of the Court of Appeals," is the way *The Mt. Sterling Gazette* refers to the lynching of murderer Logan Murphy.

COLONEL ADDISON WALDEN, one of the best known old gentlemen in Kentucky, died at his home near Harrodsburg at the advanced age of 90 years.

EIGHTEEN out of thirty-five applicants for teachers' certificates in Ohio county failed to pass the examination, and only three secured first-class certificates.

WHY not organize a Republican Club? We had a large and enthusiastic one four years ago. Let some one start the ball rolling and we will soon have the club.

HENRY B. RYDER, United States Consul at Copenhagen, has been removed for "official misconduct." W. H. Bradley, Consul at Nice, is transferred to Copenhagen.

THE dockets for the September term of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court have been closed. They will be ready for distribution to the bar next week.

A CHICAGO lawyer has uncovered an apparently forgotten United States statute providing for the arbitration of differences between employers and employees.

THE switchmen of all the roads entering Louisville but two have asked for an increase of wages. It is thought the points at issue will be settled, however, without a strike.

GARFIELD HOLLIDAY, the twelve-year-old son of George Holliday of the West End, accidentally swallowed a four-penny nail yesterday morning. As yet no serious results have followed.

WHEN asked whether he regarded the election law, enacted by the General Assembly, as constitutional or not, Governor Brown declined to say anything except that he intends to submit his views to the people at an early date.

THE divided Democratic convention in Texas nominated two complete tickets. The regular convention nominated Governor Hogg, and adopted a free silver plank in the platform. This caused a contest and more of the delegates left and joined the Clark faction.

THE trainer and owner of Nancy Hanks, the famous little Kentucky world-beater, have changed their minds about not sending the mare against her record of 2:07½, made Wednesday at Washington Park, Chicago, and to-day Budd Noble will drive her to make another record.

IT is said that the course of the Mason county delegation at the Catlettsburg Convention did not meet with the entire sanction of even the friends of the other candidates. The defeat of Judge Cole was inevitable, and it was thought the Mason county men might have been less demonstrative in their opposition.

G. A. R. There will be a meeting of the Joseph Heller Post No. 13, G. A. R., to-night at their hall. A full attendance is desired. Business important.

Floral Hall. George W. Rogers and his assistants will be at the Floral Hall, Fair Grounds, at 8 o'clock Monday morning to receive articles for exhibition.

THE FIREMEN,

In Sympathy With the Striking Switchmen, Will Go Out.

Trainmen, Conductors and Possibly Telegraphers, Will Follow.

An Important Crisis at Hand—The Lackawanna and Western May Be Tied Up, Which Will Mean Much—Now or Never Say the Men.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 20.—An important crisis in the strike has been reached. It can now be said almost certainly that the locomotive firemen on the Lehigh, Erie, Lake Shore and West Shore and Central railroads will go out between 6 o'clock Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen and Conductors on the above roads, and possibly the telegraphers, will follow the firemen. This strike, should it occur, will be the outcome of a secret meeting of the five local lodges of firemen held Friday night.

It lasted until nearly midnight. About 250 men were in attendance, representing all the lodges in the city, as well as the several roads. The Trainmen and Conductors' brotherhood were represented by delegates.

An Associated Press correspondent learned of the result at the conclusion of the meeting. It is that the 597 men of the Firemen's brotherhood are unanimous in favor of declaring a strike on the Erie, Lake Shore, Lehigh, West Shore and Central roads. Many of the members urged that the local lodges order the strike immediately. They were held back by the more conservative men, and the matter was referred by telegraph to Grand Master Sargent at Terre Haute.

It was stated by one of the firemen that it was quite probable that the grand master would comply with the wishes of the local organization.

The strike will be sympathetic, and no bill of grievances will be presented. However, the firemen will insist that if the switchmen are given the ten-hour system it shall apply to them also. Otherwise, it would be direct discrimination against their organization.

It was expected that Mr. Sargent would leave Terre Haute early Saturday morning, and arrive here late at night. He may order the strike by telegraph. It will require about three hours for the firemen to strike after receiving the order from the grand master. It will not be confined to the yards, but will extend to all men running out of Buffalo. In previous strikes ordered by Grand Master Sargent the firemen have abandoned their engines wherever they chanced to be at the hour specified. It would probably be so in this instance.

About 300 men will be ordered out if the strike occurs. Lehigh lodge has fifty members, West Shore lodge about the same number, and Erie lodge 140 members. The firemen on the Lake Shore and Central belong to one lodge.

The brotherhood has 2,700 members in the United States and Canada. A striking fund of \$5,000 has been accumulated since the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy strike four years ago. The men say it is now or never with the cause of organized labor on all railroads.

The only trunk line uninterruptedly carrying freight westward is the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. One of the western trunk lines from this city, the Lake Shore, is clogged, and the Grand Trunk, of Canada, is threatened with a strike. The Michigan Central, the other trunk feeding westward is involved, like the Lake Shore, in the fortunes of the Central, and only success of Saturday's efforts of the road to move freight freely is to be relied upon for eastward carrying of traffic. At exactly this point the tactical position of the Lackawanna is brought strongly to light.

This position of the Lackawanna is just as thoroughly appreciated by the strike leaders as by any others, and the importance of what the men upon that line will conclude to do as to a sympathetic strike is beyond cavil.

Friday's Games.
Cincinnati..... 4 Pittsburgh..... 6
Philadelphia..... 3 Boston..... 0
Chicago..... 7
Brooklyn..... 4

League Race.
Cleveland..... 21 8 724
Philadelphia..... 18 12 600
New York..... 15 11 326
Brooklyn..... 17 13 566
Boston..... 16 13 531
Baltimore..... 15 14 517
Pittsburgh..... 15 14 517
Louisville..... 13 16 448
Cincinnati..... 12 18 426
Chicago..... 12 18 406
Washington..... 11 18 370
St. Louis..... 9 20 210

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—For Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Fair, preceded by showers to-night; warmer by Saturday night; east winds.

For Indiana and Illinois—Fair, except showers in northwest portion to-night; cooler; variable winds.

For Tennessee and Kentucky—Fair, preceded by showers in eastern portions to-night; warmer in Eastern Kentucky; northeast winds.

Child Burned to Death.
CHICO, Cal., Aug. 20.—By the explosion of a gasoline stove the house of an engineer named Wright was destroyed, and his 3-year-old child burned to death. Wright was seriously and his wife fatally burned.

Killed by a Soda Fountain.
NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Harry Kurner, aged 50, an employee in the soda-water factory of Light Bros., 509 East Seventeenth street, was instantly killed Friday morning by the bursting of one of the soda fountains.

Charged With Murder.
LANCASTER, Ky., Aug. 20.—The grand jury returned an indictment against Armisted Rowland, charging him with the murder of Blank Stewart. Rowland has been lodged in jail.